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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hong Tee Lim, et al.	)
-	) Group Art Unit: 2811
Serial No.: 10/626,366	)
	) Examiner. Nitin Parekh
Filed: July 23, 2003	)
	) Atty. Docket No.: 03-0466
For: Integrated Circuit and Method for a	)
PGBA Package Having Multiplicity of	)
Staggered Power Ring Segments for Power	)
connection to Integrated Circuit Die	)

## RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION Restriction/Election Requirement

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is presented to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, wherein the Examiner required restriction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121. Election is hereby made, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, i.e., device claims 1-13.

## Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the restriction is respectfully requested. Restriction is not required by 35 U.S.C. §121, as suggested in the Office Action. Congress wisely granted the discretion to restrict applications. According to 35 U.S.C, §121 "... the Commissioner may require the application to be restricted...." (emphasis added).

Furthermore, MPEP § 803 lists two criteria that must be present for restriction to be proper:

- 1) The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and
- There must be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is required.

In searching the Group I claims, the class and subclass for the Group II claims will undoubtedly be searched, to ensure that no relevant art is overlooked. For this reason there is no significant burden on the examiner, and certainly no serious burden as required by MPEP §121.

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In fact, maintaining the requirement for restriction not only burdens applicants with the additional costs associated with filing and prosecuting separate patent applications, but also requires the examiner to duplicate efforts by examining multiple applications of closely related inventions. Such practice not only wastes public and private funds and Patent Office resources, but also leads to the possibility of inconsistent examinations of closely related inventions. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement.

In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that a full and complete response to the Office Action is provided herein, and request that the application proceed to examination.

In the event this response is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for the appropriate extension of time and request that the fee for the extension along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper be charged to deposit account 12-2252.

Respectfully Submitted,

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